

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
October 26, 2017 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Helena Buckner, Vice Chair
Matt Brown
Jerry Potts

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sgt. Hollon, Animal Control
Sgt Reynolds, Animal Control
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Kathy Powless, VA
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Jay Dunn, County Board Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland
Rachel Joy
Debra Kraft

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dudley at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the September 28, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Potts made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 4-0.

ZONING – None

SUBDIVISIONS – None

REPORTS

Planning & Zoning – No Report

Veteran's Assistance

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations for Help 4 Heroes Program

Ms. Powless explained that this is a request to move money from the Help 4 Heroes donations down into the budget lines so it can be spent.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approved, seconded by Ms. Buckner and the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Powless went on to report that fundraising for the Help 4 Heroes will take place at the Texas Roadhouse on November 9 from 4 to 10 p.m. and 10% of the total food bill will go to the Help 4 Heroes fund.

From now to after Veteran's Day, there is a need to raise \$25,000. Once we reach \$25,000, the Howard Buffett Foundation will give another \$125,000. That is a 5x match like last year.

Pat McDaniel will be the Veteran's Day Program guest speaker. It will be held at the Salvation Army at 7 p.m.

Environmental Management – No Report

Health Department

Ms. Heyer reported that she had gotten a call from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) asking if they could host the Governor's new Opioid Prevention and Intervention Task Force meeting. They have been going around the state doing listening tours and talking to communities about what they are seeing in their communities as far as the opioid crisis. They are wanting to hear from First Responders, Community partners, people who have been impacted by this. She said she had agreed because in this community, it is also having to be dealt with as well. It is on November 1st, next Wednesday, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the County Board Room. Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti is co-chairing it along with Dr. Shah who is the Director of Public Health for the state. Invitations are going out. 6 to 8 people have been confirmed that will be giving remarks. The hope is to get more by next Wednesday. It should be a good interaction with feedback from the community and comments from the State and Lt. Governor. The state has put out their State Opioid Action Plan and they are wanting feedback from people. She invited the EEHW committee members to attend and listen. She asked that anyone wanting to make a remark to let her know so they can be added to the agenda.

Chair Dudley asked if the Emergency Order that he heard that President Trump is signing has anything to do with this, affect this, or help out at all. Ms. Heyer said she thought it would help bring some funding down to the states. She said she had seen President Trump on TV when he announced that there is a public health emergency regarding the opioid crisis. There are going to be efforts to help with this and push more money down to the states to help with prevention and response and treatment efforts. There are more people dying of opioid overdoses than car accidents across the US. She said she was not sure about Macon County's count, so far. A couple of months ago, it was up to 9. She said she was in process of checking with Coroner Day and hoped that he would be able to attend and speak at the meeting. It should be a good meeting.

Animal Control

Sgt. Hollon distributed a statistics report. She offered to answer questions.

Sgt. Hollon said they are being reassigned at the Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Reynolds will be taking over Animal Control effective November 1st. She said she would be coordinating and helping him out as much as possible and Kris Horton will still be there as well.

The Home for the Holidays Program is being finalized. Dates will be announced at the next meeting. She explained this program is an effort to get as many animals as possible out of the shelter and into a home for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Chair Dudley thanked Sgt. Hollon for her service and commented that she has been wonderful to work with.

Regional Office of Education No report

Mental Health – No report

Historical Museum No report

U of I Extension No Report

Citizen's Remarks – none

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – none needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – November 16, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion carried 4-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham